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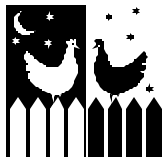
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was generally steady in the West, barely steady to weak elsewhere. Demand was seasonally light to moderate with best interest for retail ads, and food service for catering and restaurants. Supplies were at least adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, bone-in breast were reported as being in better balanced and moving well, and wings were mixed, but showed some improvements in spot areas. The remaining items were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at irregular weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .50 to 63.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 61.50 cents last year on December 06, 2000.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	187.00
BREASTS - B/S	126.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	58.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	88.50
LEG QUARTERS	29.50
WINGS	87.00

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was about steady to weak. Demand was seasonal and typical for this time of year with regular commitments sufficient. Supplies were more than adequate or readily available for trade needs. In the parts structure, interest was slow to fair. All items were at least adequate with some increase in movement noted, but at slightly lower levels. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained no better than fair as dealers continued with a cautious and selective posture. Offerings of all sizes were readily available at discounted levels. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally light. The market tone ranged barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts continued balanced to adequate and boneless-skinless breasts were available. Legs and leg quarters and thighs were fully sufficient. Wings were at least adequate.

MIDWEST Whole fryer trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Additional offerings of heavy sized whole birds and wogs were ample, limited on smaller sized product. Trade interest varied, very light to moderate. Fill in trading on whole fryers in the St. Louis area noted at 49 cents. Retail demand was light to fair, with limited features providing best interest. Food service movement was mostly moderate with best demand into catering and restaurant channels. Floor stocks were in close balance with weights desirable to heavy. Trading on parts items continued slow with bone-in breasts and wings clearing best. Supplies were fully sufficient for trade needs. The market tone was steady on wings, and cautiously steady to weak on remaining items.

WESTERN The market tone was generally steady. Offerings in fair balance with the seasonally slowing buyer interest. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Floor stocks adequate. Parts mainly steady.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 12/01/01	2001	2000
EGGS SET	187,929	180,423
CHICKS PLACED	145,361	144,183
19 STATES		
EGGS SET	209,259	-
CHICKS PLACED	163,680	-

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 188 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 1, 2001. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 145 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 1, 2001. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through December 1, 2001 were 7.01 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Four Additional States in Weekly Program

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19 States set a total of 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 1, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 1, 2001.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 12-Jan-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 147.2 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 140.5 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 139.4 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 128.4 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.43 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

DECEMBER 05, 2001

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	924	103.00-168.00	105-115	119.88
TENDERLOINS	180	105.00-201.00	105-110	119.66
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	60.00-65.00	61-63	60.98
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	36.00-49.00	37-39	37.18
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	392	21.00-27.00	22-23	21.69
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,221	23.00-28.00	24-26	25.04
WINGS (WHOLE)	316	72.00-89.00	83-87	85.21
WINGS (CUT)	506	94.00-110.00	97-99	98.51
DRUMSTICKS	102	45.00-51.00	-	48.82
THIGHS	42	43.00-51.00	-	44.03
B/S THIGHS	52	77.00-90.00	-	82.00

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	932	102.00-168.00	120-125	120.42
TENDERLOINS	150	105.00-200.00	105-110	122.53
BREAST - LINE RUN	84	60.00-65.00	61-62	60.95
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	123	36.00-49.00	37-39	37.70
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	472	21.00-27.00	21-23	21.75
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,291	23.00-31.00	25-26	25.12
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	77.00-88.50	-	86.49
WINGS (CUT)	435	91.00-97.00	92-95	93.81
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
39.00 - 44.50	40.60	39.00 - 44.50	40.63	40.45

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was no better than fair during midweek trading as dealers attempted to keep floorstocks closely balanced. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate, although, bone-in breasts were noted as in the best position. Legs, leg quarters and thighs were readily available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonal and generally no better than fair overall. The market tone was at least steady on bone-in breasts, about steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	120.42	345,820
TENDERLOINS	100	101.99	80,415
BREAST - WITH RIBS	49-50	58.41	208,880
BREAST - LINE RUN	49	51.48	219,120
LEGS	39-40	43.75	125,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	23.94	554,238
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	40.76	152,710
THIGHS	36-37	41.17	79,178
B/S THIGHS	86-87	84.74	32,690
WINGS (WHOLE)	83-84	84.73	387,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.30	33,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.94	14,865
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	62.13	26,470

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	122.29	152,800
TENDERLOINS	100	102.47	22,240
BREAST - WITH RIBS	49-50	59.78	138,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	49	52.83	133,680
LEGS	39-40	45.65	62,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	26.95	146,720
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	43.63	50,480
THIGHS	36-37	40.67	51,240
B/S THIGHS	86-87	94.46	9,380
WINGS (WHOLE)	83-84	93.43	245,000
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	18,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	40.00	3,160
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	55.25	12,920

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	<u>ESTIMATED</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>AVG</u> <u>WTS</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>AVG</u> <u>WTS</u>	
	12/05	12/04	12/03	11/30	12/03	11/30	11/28	11/26
ALA	4,208	4,085	3,881	3,928	5.13	5.08	3,950	5.14
ARK	5,207	5,399	5,280	6,230	5.06	4.95	5,180	5.14
DELMARVA	2,320	2,308	2,276	2,140	5.12	5.03	2,319	5.13
KY-LA-TN	2,030	2,061	2,005	2,142	4.66	4.54	1,996	4.69
MISS	2,829	2,901	2,659	2,835	5.23	5.00	2,818	5.19
NC	2,679	2,504	2,560	2,639	6.02	5.89	2,600	6.00
TEXAS	2,357	2,357	2,323	2,424	5.05	4.88	2,286	5.02
TOTAL	21,630	21,615	20,984	22,338	5.18	5.05	21,149	5.19
MON-WED	64,432(A)						63,274(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-Dec 01 and is estimated to be 32,361,000 up 1.97 percent from a week ago and up 6.8 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,736,000; last year 30,308,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	85-87
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 94-95
	DRY PACK 96-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-113
	DRY PACK 113-123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 98
	DRY PACK 91
DUCKS	152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING DEC 08-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/08/01 (1)	12/01/01
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	161,228 (2)	153,012
LT HENS	2,070	2,106
HVY HENS	1,744	1,469
CHECK TOTAL	165,042	156,587

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 08-Dec-01 is 154.1 million head compared to 153.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.6 million head or 7.5 million more than estimated available. For week of 15-Dec-01 the estimated available is 152.0 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
FEDERAL-STATE (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 1-Dec-01	69,047	73,444
AM 1-Nov-01	173,143	59,796
CHG	-104,096	13,648
PCT CHG	-60	23

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	12/3/01	11/26/01	12/4/00	12/3/01	11/26/01	12/4/00
PACIFIC						
COAST	5,365	5,798	6,000	3,037	3,128	7,626
LOS						
ANGELES	169	155	156	1,688	1,667	1,978

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2001

		RANGE		
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)		56-60		
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)		60-68		
HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES				FOR 12/4/01
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW HIGH AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.30	.90	.44	HEAVY FOWL ea. - 2.25 -
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.45	-	LIGHT FOWL ea. - - -
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea. - 4.25 -
BANTAMS lb.	-	1.25	-	BANTAMS ea. 1.00 3.75 -
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea. - - -
ROASTERS lb.	.85	.90	.88	ROASTERS ea. - - -
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea. - - -
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea. - .80 -
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea. 3.00 4.00 -
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea. 1.00 3.75 -
ROOSTERS lb.	.35	1.70	.82	ROOSTERS ea. 1.00 5.00 -
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea. - - -
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea. - - -
DUCKS lb.	.60	1.35	.93	DUCKS ea. 2.25 3.00 -
RABBITS lb.	1.00	1.60	1.36	RABBITS ea. 1.00 4.25 -
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea. 2.00 4.25 -
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea. - 3.00 -
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea. - .25 -
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea. - 5.25 -
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-	SILKIES ea. - - -
GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-	GUINEA PIGS ea. .25 6.50 -

TOTAL COOPS 149

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending November 30, 2001

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	49.08	127.61	78.53	19.63	19.63	58.90
High	54.97	137.43	88.35	24.54	24.54	58.90
Mostly	51.53	127.61	83.44	19.63	24.54	58.90
SAN JUAN						
Low	58.41	127.61	73.62	24.54	14.72	53.99
High	63.80	137.43	88.35	34.36	19.63	53.99
Mostly	59.88	132.52	83.44	29.45	19.63	53.99
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	49.08	122.70	73.62	19.63	19.63	53.99
High	53.99	132.52	83.44	24.54	24.54	53.99
Mostly	52.52	127.61	78.53	19.63	19.63	53.99
BECERRA						
Low	58.90	132.52	78.53	29.45	14.72	51.53
High	61.84	137.43	93.25	39.26	24.54	51.53
Mostly	60.86	134.97	88.35	34.36	19.63	51.53

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds and parts was seasonally light and unaggressive. Seller offerings were fully adequate to ample and generally difficult to place. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights varied and were mostly desirable to light. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than truckload asking prices were 1 cent lower at 49 to 63 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, all items were fully sufficient to handle the disappointingly light buying interest.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

		BRANDED
		U.S. GRADE A
RANGE		51-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		53.77
NO. OF BOXES		8,169

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

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